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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara

Dorrie M. Happ

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Title: "A Medical Device Containing Light-Protected Therapeutic Agent And a Method For Fabricating Thereof"

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Fubara:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on September 16, 2002, that had a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on December 16, 2002. The enclosed petition requests a one month extension of time, extending the period to respond to January 16, 2003.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims. The attached enclosure is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims have been amended as indicated below.

Please cancel Claims 1, 12 and 13 without prejudice.

2. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the medical device is a stent.

3. (Amended) The coating as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the drug is a light-sensitive drug or a UV-radiation sensitive drug.

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